Child Marriage Restraint Act.

39 *MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons exempted from the operation of the Child Marriage Restraint Act since the Act came into force?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*): 36 persons were exempted from the operation of the Child Marriage Restraint Act.

Exemptions under Child Marriage Restraint Act.

40 *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications received by them praying for exemption from the operation of Section 11 of the Child Marriage Restraint Act, XXI of 1116, the number allowed and the reasons therefor?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: 95 applications have been received and exemption has been granted in 36 cases under Section 11 of the Act. Such exemptions have been granted mainly where arrangements have been made before the passing of the Act and where special circumstances existed or in the case of the serious illness of a parent.

Community of officers.

41 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have given any direction for the incorporation of a statement, by caste, of all the officers in each department in its annual report?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The answer is in the negative.

Opening the sluice of the Periyar Dam.

42. *MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether water was suddenly sent down the Periyar river, by the opening of the sluice of the Periyar *Ana* without notice on 19-5-1118;

(*b*) whether several houses and materials of river-side dwellers were washed off as a result of it from the banks;

(*c*) whether they have made any arrangement to compensate the sufferers by the persons responsible; and

(*d*) whether they have taken any steps to see that the sluices are not opened hereafter without sufficient notice to the residents on the bank?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Water was let down the Periyar river by opening the regulators after due telegraphic intimation in the manner laid down in the rules accepted by Government for opening the regulators.

(*b*) The collapse of a few huts and kutcha buildings, alongside the K. K. road in miles 60/5 to 61/6 and along the banks of the river below the bridge in 60/4 and damages to certain estates in the District, inevitable under such unforeseen conditions are however reported.

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(c) In view of what is stated under (a) no question of compensation arises.

(d) This is being looked into and a suitable revision of the rules is being considered.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: The question relates to cases where damage is done by the opening of the regulators without due notice. May I ask whether any damage is given in cases where it is due to the opening of the regulators with due notice?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I have no information.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഈ സ്ലൂയിസ് കമ്മിയടിച്ച വിവരം പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്ക അറിവു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: കമ്മിയടിക്കുന്നതു പിന്നീടേ, കുന്നത്തുനാട്, പിറവൂർ ഈ താലൂക്ക് തഹശീൽദാരന്മാർക്കും പോസ്റ്റാക്കുമാണ്. അവർ ഉടനെ കടലാസിൽ ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: May I know whether there is any loss of human life due to the opening of this sluice?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There has been no loss of human life.

Sluice at Vettiyar.

43. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any representation to widen the sluice at Vettiyar in Mavelikara; and

(b) if so, whether any action is taken on the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. An estimate has been prepared.

Mavelikara-Chunakara road.

44. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are taken to ease the sharp curves on the Mavelikara-Chunakara road *via* Kurthigad;

(b) if so, the steps taken for the same; and

(c) if not, the reason for not doing so?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For want of funds.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has travelled along that part of the road?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, Sir.

Documents registered in each Registration District.

45. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of documents registered in each registration district in the State till the end of Meenam 1118?

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